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Bonita Well Ramada

Identification:

Preferred Structure Name: Bonita Well Ramada

HS03C Structure Number:

Other Structure Name(s):

Other Structure Name(s)

No records.

Park: Organ Pipe Cactus National Monument

Historic District:

Historic District

Gray Family Partnership

Structure State: Arizona Pima Structure County:

Intermountain Region: Cluster: Southwest

Administrative Unit: Organ Pipe Cactus National Monument

LCS ID: 056720

Historical Significance:

National Register Status: Determined Eligible - SHPO

National Register Date: 09/26/1995

National Historic Landmark?: No

Significance Level: Local

Short Significance Description: The Bonita Well Ramada, Organ Pipe NM, was determined eligible for the

> NR as contributing structure to potential district, at the local level, for Criteria A, Sonoran Desert Cattle Ranching; & B, assoc'n w/Robert Louis Gray, Sr.

Period of significance, 1919-1976.

Long Significance Description: The Bonita Well Ramada, Organ Pipe NM, was determined eligible for the NR as a contributing structure to a potential historic district, gray Family Partnership Historic District, at the local level of significance, under NR Criteria A, Sonoran Desert Cattle Ranching; and B, association with Robert Louis Gray, Sr., "the quintessential frontier cattleman" of the area.

The ramada is located at one of the fifteen ranches and line camps in the Gray family cattle business which dominated the lands of Organ Pipe National Monument for nearly 60 years. The Grays, Robert Louis, Sr., and sons Robert, Jr., Henry, and Jack, began the trend of buying up water rights, ranches and line camps in 1919. They utilized the open range via a trigger gate to lure their cattle to water in their corrals at round-up time and made do with the materials they had at hand since supplies were hard to come by. Period of significance, 1919-1976.

The Determination of Eligibility for the Bonita Well Ramada was signed by the Arizona State Historic Preservation Officer on September 26, 1995.

Construction Period:

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Historic

Chronology:

			Begin		End		
	Physical	Begin	Year	End	Year		Designer
	Event	Year	AD/BC	Year	AD/BC	Designer	Occupation
1.	Built	1930	AD	1939	AD	Gray, Henry	Other
						Gray, Henry or Robert	
						Louis	

Function and Use:

Primary Historic Function: Agricultural Outbuilding

Primary Current Use: Vacant/Maintained (Mothballed)

Structure Contains Museum

Collections?:

No

Other Functions or Uses:

Other Function(s) or Use(s) Historic or Current No records.

Physical Description:

Structure Type: Building

Volume: 1 - 2,000 cubic feet

Square Feet: 84

Material(s):

2.	Roof	Other	
3.	Framing	Wood	
4.	Foundation	Not Applicable	

Short Physical Description:

Ramada of mesquite Y posts at corners, metal pipe roof framing and roof of saguaro ribs. 12' x 7' x 6' high.

Long Physical Description:

The ramada is simply constructed with mesquite Y posts at the corners which support a metal pipe roof framing. The roof is made of saguaro ribs. The ramada measures 12' by 7' and is 6' high and is directly adjacent to the Line Shack.